

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following set of claims for the pending claims:

1. (Amended) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a non-planar support bracket comprising a generally U-shaped portion for supporting the receptacle, wherein said support bracket is adapted to be supported by said support structure, and is adjustably disposed for positioning in a direction selected from forward and rearward with respect to said support structure when supported by said support structure, by a seated individual supported by said support structure, and said support bracket further comprises oppositely extending ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for said positioning to be convenient for collection of a stool specimen in said receptacle.

2. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support structure is a toilet bowl, and said support bracket is supported by said support structure, and the individual is seated on a seat supported by said support structure, and a gap between said seat and support structure assists the support bracket adjustability.

3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said receptacle has an elongated catch shape, wherein said generally U-shaped portion of said support bracket is provided with a generally circular aperture, and said receptacle comprises a boss that is rotatable within said aperture for adjustability of the catch position of said receptacle.

4. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sterile collection cup, wherein said receptacle comprises a boss that corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate size for receiving at least a lower portion of said cup.

5. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said generally U-shaped portion of said support bracket, when said support bracket is supported by said support structure, comprises a generally horizontal area, and said receptacle is supported by said generally horizontal area and positioned vertically in space to avoid body contact during specimen collection but facilitate capture of the specimen.

6. (Amended) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle having an elongated catch shape for catching a biological specimen and a support bracket for the receptacle, wherein the support bracket comprises a generally U-shaped portion provided with an aperture and is adapted to be supported by said support structure, and wherein the receptacle comprises a boss that snugly fits, but is removably engageable from, said aperture, and said receptacle boss is rotatable within said aperture for adjustability of the catch position of the receptacle.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a collection cup, wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate size for receiving at least a lower portion of said cup.

8. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and said generally U-shaped portion of said support bracket, when said support bracket is supported by said support structure, comprises a generally horizontal area provided with said aperture, and said receptacle is supported by said generally horizontal area and is positioned vertically in space to avoid body contact during specimen collection but facilitate capture of the specimen.

9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said elongated catch shape is a horizontally elongated catch shape when said receptacle is in supported engagement with said bracket.

10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said elongated catch shape is generally elliptical, and said generally U-shaped portion of said bracket comprises a pair of spaced apart legs that are spaced apart sufficiently to accommodate any position of said elongated receptacle relative to said bracket.

11. (Amended) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle for catching a biological specimen, a support bracket for the receptacle, and a collection cup, wherein the support bracket comprises a generally circular aperture and is adapted to be supported by said support structure, wherein the receptacle comprises a generally frustoconically shaped boss that snugly fits, but is rotatable within and removably engageable from, said aperture, and wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally frustoconically shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate diameter for receiving at least a lower portion of said cup.

12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said support bracket is adjustably disposed for forward/rearward positioning with respect to said support structure when supported by said support structure, by a seated individual supported by said support structure, and comprises ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for said positioning of said support bracket and hence of said receptacle.

13. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and said generally U-shaped portion of said support bracket, when said support bracket is supported by said support structure, comprises a generally horizontal area provided with said aperture, and said receptacle is supported by said generally horizontal area and is positioned vertically in space to avoid body contact during specimen collection but facilitate capture of the specimen.

14. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said cup is a sterile cup.

15. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said

receptacle has an elongated catch shape, and said bracket comprises a generally U-shaped portion, and said generally U-shaped portion comprises a pair of spaced apart legs that are spaced apart sufficiently to accommodate any position of said elongated receptacle relative to said bracket.

16. (Amended) A biological specimen collection apparatus in combination with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a removably disposed receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a non-planar bracket for supporting the receptacle, wherein a portion of the receptacle projects through said support bracket and the receptacle is removable from the support bracket, and wherein said support bracket is supported by said support structure and is adjustably disposed for positioning in a direction selected from forward and rearward with respect to said support structure by a seated individual on a seat that overhangs and is supported by said support structure, and said support bracket comprises oppositely extending ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for said positioning to be convenient for collection of a stool specimen in said receptacle.

17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said support structure is a toilet bowl, and a gap between said seat and support structure assists the support bracket adjustability.

18. (Amended) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle having an elongated catch shape for catching a biological specimen, and a bracket for supporting the receptacle and adapted to be supported by said support structure, wherein the receptacle is rotatably mounted with respect to said support bracket for adjustability of the catch position of the receptacle, and a portion of the receptacle projects through, but is removably engageable from, said support bracket, and wherein said support bracket is further adapted to accommodate any position of the elongated, rotatably mounted receptacle relative to said bracket.

19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a collection cup, wherein the projecting portion of the receptacle corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of the receptacle, and is dimensioned to provide a snug fit of the receptacle to said support bracket.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said receptacle has an elongated catch shape, and the projecting receptacle portion rotatably projects through said support bracket for adjustability of the catch position of the receptacle.